

Branford Resident Permits

Types of Permits

There are 3 basic types of Resident Permits: a *Residence Sticker*, a *Residence Card*, or a *Trip Pass*.

Residence Sticker

Most full-time residents owning a regular passenger vehicle will be able to get a *Residence Sticker* to be placed on the driver's side front bumper of that vehicle. A Residence Sticker (beach sticker") costs \$5 for up to 2 years and allows the Branford resident to park at Foote Park and Parker Park, and to bring materials to the Transfer Station/Recycling Center free of charge (some restrictions apply).

Residence Card

For some circumstances a *Residence Card* for the Transfer Station or *Residence Card* for Parks and Beaches may be issued. Some residents or vehicles may get both cards. A card instead of a sticker may be issued because the person will not be a resident for the full period covered by the sticker, or because the person or vehicle may not be eligible to use one facility or the other, or because there are restrictions that must be explained on the card. Each resident card costs \$2.50.

Trip Pass

For residents wishing only to go to the transfer station where the **material** is eligible to come in for free, but the **vehicle** is not eligible to get a sticker or a card, the Branford resident might be able to purchase a *Trip Pass*. The most common reason to get a trip pass is when a resident borrows a vehicle to bring material to the transfer station. Each trip pass costs \$1, is good for one trip to the facility, and is valid to be used any time within 30 days from when the pass is purchased. Trip passes are non-refundable, and up to 5 may be purchased at one time. They are only to be used for material coming from your own house where you live (not if you are a landlord) when you didn't pay anyone to bring the material or pay anyone to do the work that generated the material.

- Bring your driver's license showing Branford residency, and
- the license plate number (marker number) of the vehicle you are borrowing/using to the Tax Collector's Office.

The Details about Residence Stickers:

Purple Residence Stickers expired on March 31, 2006.

Red Residence Stickers on sale now. They expire on March 31, 2008.

To obtain a sticker in person

- ❖ Go to the Office of the Tax Collector in Town Hall: 1019 Main Street, 1st floor, the counter on your left.
- ❖ Present your valid driver's license showing your Branford address*.
- ❖ Present your valid motor vehicle registration showing your vehicle is registered in Branford*.
 - The vehicle
 - ◆ may not have commercial plates
 - ◆ may not be used for business
 - ◆ may not have a carrying capacity of over one ton (2000 pounds).
 - If you have a car, don't worry about this.
 - The legal carrying capacity is the difference between the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) and the Light Weight (Tare weight). Both numbers should appear on your truck registration.
 - Vehicle taxes must be current; residents with delinquent motor vehicle taxes will not be issued a sticker.
- ❖ Each Sticker costs \$5.
 - Residents 65 years of age or older may obtain a sticker at no charge.
 - Branford Volunteer Firemen may obtain a sticker at no charge.
- ❖ The sticker must be stuck to the driver's side front bumper of the vehicle for which it was issued.
 - Alternate locations (other than the front bumper) may be approvable, but stickers must be stuck to the vehicle; they are not transferable to any other vehicle. Stickers presented at the transfer station for a vehicle other than that for which the sticker was issued will be confiscated.

*For new residents moving from within Connecticut, the Department of Motor Vehicles requires you to submit a change of address within 48 hours, and that must be done before a Branford residence sticker is issued. However, a trip to the DMV is not necessary: the Branford Police Station at 33 Laurel St. has change of address post cards you may mail to DMV along with a sticker to put on the back of your license. Then turn your registration over and hand write the new Branford address on the back. For new residents moving to Connecticut from out of state, DMV allows 30 days to change your license and 60 days to change your registration. Please contact DMV for details.

May I get a sticker by mail?

Stickers for a car may be renewed by mail if there have been no changes.

- ❖ Address an envelope to:
Tax Collector Stickers
P.O. Box 136
Branford, CT 06405
 - ❖ Print and fill out the [Resident Sticker Renewal Form here](#).
 - ❖ Enclose the filled out checklist.
 - ❖ Enclose a photocopy of your license (front and back).
 - ❖ Enclose a photocopy of your car registration(s) (front and back).
 - ❖ Enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope.
 - ❖ Enclose check for \$5.00 made payable to "Town of Branford"
 - Residents 65 years of age or older may obtain their sticker(s) at no charge. Your driver's license is your proof.
 - Branford Volunteer Firemen may obtain one sticker at no charge.
- Enclose a copy of your badge.

While we strive to improve public service, including saving residents trips to Town Hall for routine matters, we also want residents to realize that general Branford taxes pay for the disposal of materials brought to the Branford Transfer Station, and that proving eligibility is critical to allowing only appropriate materials to come in for "free". We recognize the frustration of trying to save time and ending up spending more, so please follow the instructions above carefully.

If you answered "no" to any of the answers above, you may easily still be eligible for a sticker or a residence card, but please come into the office to obtain it, or phone the Tax Collector's office ahead at 481-0381 to check what additional proofs you may need to bring.

Name_____

Address_____

Daytime Phone Number where you can be reached _____

I want a sticker for my car, (not truck, van, or similar vehicle) ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am renewing a sticker for the same car, the same plate, and the same address. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am currently living in Branford full time ☐ Yes ☐ No

My drivers license confirms that I currently live in Branford ☐ Yes ☐ No

My car is a personal use vehicle, registered to me, not to a business ☐ Yes ☐ No

My car is registered in Branford with Branford listed as the tax town ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you can answer “yes” to all of these questions, then Yes, you may renew your sticker by mail:

- ❖ Address an envelope to
Tax Collector Stickers
P.O. Box 136
Branford, CT 06405.
- ❖ Enclose the filled-out check list.
- ❖ Enclose a photocopy of your license (front and back).
- ❖ Enclose a photocopy of your car registration(s) (front and back).
- ❖ Enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope.
- ❖ Enclose a check for \$5 per vehicle, made payable to “Town of Branford”.
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